

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~server reservation method of reserving and accessing resources in a distribution server, enabling a user using a user terminal apparatus to make a reservation request to a reservation control apparatus to reserve a desired service supply time period for using a processing server that performs predetermined processing, the reservation control apparatus controlling a reservation state of said processing server via a network so as to permit said user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via the network, said server reservation method comprising steps of:~~

~~sending reservation request information including the a desired service supply time period for using said processing server~~ distributing content using a distribution server from ~~said a user terminal apparatus to said a reservation control apparatus via the a first network,~~ said reservation control apparatus determining if the reservation request for ~~using said processing server~~ distributing content using said distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted,

~~said processing server being a separate device and separated from said reservation control apparatus by the network; and~~

    transmitting a current time reference value from said reservation control apparatus to said user terminal apparatus via the first network if the reservation request is accepted, said current time reference value determining when said reservation state of said ~~processing~~ distribution server will permit access by the user terminal apparatus to the ~~processing~~ distribution server for ~~using the processing server~~ distributing content using said distribution server during said desired service time;

transmitting content from the user terminal apparatus to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time; and

broadcasting, by the distribution server, said content data received from said user terminal apparatus via said first network.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~server reservation~~ method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising steps of:

calculating a difference in real time between said current time reference value and a value of current time indicated at said user terminal apparatus; and  
notifying the user of said user terminal apparatus of said difference in real time.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~server reservation~~ method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising a step of:

changing a value of current time being used at said user terminal apparatus based on any difference between said current time reference value and said value of current time being used at said user terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~server reservation~~ method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein

~~said predetermined processing executed by said processing~~ distribution server is ~~processing of distributing content data by streaming~~ streams said content received from said user terminal to a requesting client terminal apparatus via the first network.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~server reservation~~ method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising steps of:

acquiring said current time reference value at said ~~processing~~ distribution server used for determining when said reservation state of said ~~processing~~ distribution server will permit

access by the user terminal apparatus ~~to the processing server for using the processing server~~  
during said desired service time from a predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server,  
and

acquiring said current time reference value at said reservation control apparatus that is  
transmitted in said transmitting step from said predetermined network time protocol (NTP)  
serve server.

6. (Currently Amended) A reservation control apparatus ~~configured to process~~  
~~reservation requests for using a processing server that carries out predetermined processing in~~  
~~a manner permitting a user terminal apparatus to use functions of said processing server by~~  
~~accessing said processing server via a network, said reservation control apparatus comprising:~~

receiving means for receiving reservation request information including a desired  
service supply time period to use ~~said processing~~ a distribution server sent from ~~said user a~~  
terminal apparatus via ~~the a~~ a first network,

~~said processing server being a separate device and separated from said reservation~~  
~~control apparatus by the network;~~

means for determining whether or not the reservation request for the use of said  
~~processing~~ distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted,  
and

transmitting means for transmitting a current time reference value to the user terminal  
apparatus via the first network when the determining means accepts the reservation for the  
use of said ~~processing~~ distribution server during said desired service supply time period, said  
current time reference value determining when said ~~processing~~ distribution server can be  
accessed by the user terminal apparatus ~~for using the processing server~~ in accordance with the  
accepted reservation wherein.

said user terminal apparatus transmits content to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time, and the distribution server broadcasts the content received from the user terminal apparatus over said first network.

7. (Currently Amended) The reservation control apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

means for acquiring said current time reference value from a predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server, said predetermined network time protocol (NTP) server also supplying the current time value to said ~~processing~~ distribution server.

8. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium storing a program to be executed by a reservation control apparatus configured to process reservation requests for using a ~~processing~~ distribution server that ~~carries out predetermined processing in order for broadcasts content received from~~ a user terminal apparatus ~~to use functions of said processing server by accessing said processing server via a network~~, said program comprising processing steps of:

receiving reservation request information including a desired service supply time period to use ~~said processing~~ said distribution server sent from ~~said a~~ user terminal apparatus via ~~the~~ a first network,

~~said processing server being a separate device and separated from said reservation control apparatus by the network;~~

determining whether or not the reservation request for the use of said ~~processing~~ distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, ~~and~~

transmitting a current time reference value to the user terminal apparatus via the first network when the determining step determines that the reservation for the use of said

~~processing~~ distribution server during said desired service supply time period will be accepted, said current time reference value determining when said ~~processing~~ distribution server can be accessed by the user terminal apparatus ~~for using the processing server~~ in accordance with the accepted reservation wherein,

said user terminal apparatus transmits content to the distribution server via a second network during said desired service time, and the distribution server broadcasts the content received from the user terminal apparatus over said first network.